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D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor State of Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining 1594 W North Temple, Suite 1210 Box 145801 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

Dear Mr. Hedberg,

Please review our response to your Initial Review of our Notice to Commence Large Mining Operations (Henefer Red Clay, M/043/014). I think we've addressed all of the Division's concerns. Any changes or additions to the original Notice are found in grey type. Additional maps that were requested are included. I have also included photographs of both the upstream side and downstream side of the water channel. Digital originals of the photographs and a digital video of the waterway are found on the enclosed CD-ROM.

There are two items outstanding, however. First, the vegetation survey has been contracted out to Dr. Alan Stephens from Snow College. He'll be performing the survey and have the results by the middle of June. Second, the soil analysis was sent to American Environmental Consultants Laboratory a month ago, but we still have not received results. As soon as results from both the Vegetation Survey and the Soil Analysis arrive, they will be forwarded to the Division.

If there are any questions or follow-ups needed to complete the permitting process please call me at any time.

Sincerely,

Aaron H. Hancock

Director of Mining and Transportation

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